

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1.(currently amended) A system ~~(100)~~ for distributing a content ~~(101)~~, the system comprising:

a receiver ~~(102)~~ for receiving the content ~~(101)~~, the receiver comprising:

a selector ~~(104)~~ for selecting a distributor ~~(103)~~ of the content ~~(101)~~ out of a plurality of distributors;

content-requesting means ~~(105)~~ for requesting the content ~~(101)~~ from the distributor ~~(103)~~ selected;

receiving means ~~(106)~~ for receiving the content ~~(101)~~;

identity-determining means ~~(107)~~ for determining an identity ~~(108)~~ associated with the content ~~(101)~~; and

a verifier ~~(109)~~ for verifying an availability of the content ~~(101)~~ at the distributor ~~(103)~~ based on the identity ~~(108)~~ determined,

the distributor ~~(103)~~ of the content ~~(101)~~, comprising:

content request-receiving means ~~(110)~~ for receiving a request for the content ~~(101)~~; and

a dispatcher ~~(111)~~ for dispatching the content ~~(101)~~,

wherein the distributor ~~(103)~~ is arranged to dispatch the content ~~(101)~~ to the receiver ~~(102)~~ in response to receiving a request for the content ~~(101)~~ from the receiver ~~(102)~~, and wherein the receiver ~~(102)~~ is arranged to only select the distributor ~~(103)~~ if the verifier ~~(109)~~ verified the availability of the content ~~(101)~~ at the distributor ~~(103)~~.

2.(currently amended) A system~~-(100)~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein the receiver~~-(102)~~ comprises identity-receiving means~~-(112)~~ and wherein the receiver~~-(102)~~ is arranged to determine an identity~~-(108)~~ by receiving the identity~~-(108)~~ from one out of the plurality of distributors.

3.(currently amended) A system~~-(100)~~ as claimed in claim 2,

wherein the receiver~~-(102)~~ comprises identity-requesting means~~-(113)~~, wherein the receiver~~-(102)~~ is arranged to receive the identity~~-(108)~~ after requesting the identity~~-(108)~~ of the content~~-(101)~~ from the distributor~~-(103)~~,

wherein the distributor~~-(103)~~ comprises: identity request-receiving means~~-(114)~~ for receiving a request for the identity~~-(108)~~ of the content~~-(101)~~; an identity dispatcher~~-(115)~~ for dispatching the identity~~-(108)~~, and

wherein the distributor~~-(103)~~ is arranged to dispatch the identity~~-(108)~~ to the receiver~~-(102)~~ in response to receiving a request for the identity~~-(108)~~ of the content~~-(101)~~ from the receiver~~-(102)~~.

4.(currently amended) A system~~-(100)~~ as claimed in claim 2, wherein the system~~-(100)~~ comprises a further distributor~~-(116)~~, wherein the receiver~~-(102)~~ is arranged to receive a further identity ~~-(124)~~ from the further distributor~~-(116)~~, wherein the verifier~~-(109)~~ comprises a comparator ~~-(118)~~ for comparing the identity~~-(108)~~ associated with the content~~-(101)~~ with the further identity~~-(124)~~ received, wherein the verifier~~-(109)~~ is arranged to verify the availability of the content~~-(101)~~ at the further distributor~~-(116)~~ if the identity~~-(108)~~ equals the further identity

(124), and wherein the receiver-(102) is arranged to only select the further distributor-(116) if the verifier-(109) verified the availability of the content-(101) at the further distributor-(116).

5.(currently amended) A system-(100) as claimed in claim 4, wherein the receiver-(102) comprises quality-determining means-(119) for determining a quality of receiving the content (101)-of the distributor-(103), and wherein the receiver (102) is arranged to select the further distributor-(116) in dependence upon the quality determined.

6.(currently amended) A system-(100) as claimed in claim 2, wherein the receiver-(102) comprises identity-deriving means-(121), and wherein the receiver-(102) is arranged to derive the identity-(108) from content-(101) received from one out of the plurality of distributors.

7.(currently amended) A system-(100) as claimed in claim 2, wherein the system (100) comprises a further distributor-(116), wherein the further distributor-(116) comprises: verification request-receiving means-(123) for receiving a verification request-(123) for verifying availability at the further distributor-(116) of content-(101) associated with a further identity (124), the further identity-(124) being part of the verification request-(123); and a verification result dispatcher-(125) for dispatching a verification result-(126), wherein the further distributor-(116) is arranged to, in response to receiving the verification request-(123) from the receiver-(102), the further distributor-(116) is arranged to verify availability at the further distributor-(116) of content-(101) associated with the further identity (124) and to dispatch the verification result-(126) to the receiver-(102), and wherein the receiver (102)-is arranged to only select the further distributor-(116) after dispatching a verification

request ~~(123)~~ to the further distributor ~~(116)~~ and receiving a verification result ~~(126)~~ that verifies the availability of the content ~~(101)~~ at the further distributor ~~(116)~~.

8.(currently amended) A receiver ~~(102)~~ for receiving a content ~~(101)~~, comprising:

a selector ~~(104)~~ for selecting a distributor ~~(103)~~ of the content ~~(101)~~ out of a plurality of distributors;

content-requesting means ~~(105)~~ for requesting the content ~~(101)~~ from the distributor ~~(103)~~ selected;

receiving means ~~(106)~~ for receiving the content ~~(101)~~;

identity-determining means ~~(107)~~ for determining an identity ~~(108)~~ associated with the content ~~(101)~~; and

a verifier ~~(109)~~ for verifying an availability of the content ~~(101)~~ at the distributor ~~(103)~~ based on the identity ~~(108)~~ determined,

and wherein the receiver ~~(102)~~ is arranged to only select the distributor ~~(103)~~ if the verifier ~~(109)~~ verified the availability of the content ~~(101)~~ at the distributor ~~(103)~~.

9.(currently amended) A method of distributing a content ~~(101)~~, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

selecting, by a receiver, a distributor ~~(103)~~ of the content ~~(101)~~ out of a plurality of distributors,

requesting, by the receiver, the content ~~(101)~~ from the distributor ~~(103)~~ selected,

dispatching the content ~~(101)~~ to the receiver ~~(102)~~ in response to receiving the request for the content ~~(101)~~ from the receiver ~~(102)~~,

receiving the content ~~(101)~~ at the receiver ~~(102)~~,

determining an identity ~~(108)~~ associated with the content ~~(101)~~, and
verifying an availability of the content ~~(101)~~ at the distributor ~~(103)~~ based on the
identity ~~(108)~~ determined,
and wherein, in the step of selecting, the distributor ~~(103)~~ is only selected if the
verifier ~~(109)~~ verified the availability of the content ~~(101)~~ at the distributor ~~(103)~~.

10.(currently amended) A computer program product enabling a receiver ~~(102)~~ that is part of a
system ~~(100)~~ for distributing a content ~~(101)~~ to select a distributor ~~(103)~~ of the content ~~(101)~~ out
of a plurality of distributors, to request and receive the content ~~(101)~~ from the distributor ~~(103)~~
selected, to determine an identity ~~(108)~~ associated with the content ~~(101)~~, to verify an availability
of the content ~~(101)~~ at the distributor ~~(103)~~ based on the identity ~~(108)~~ determined, and to only
select the distributor ~~(103)~~ after verifying the availability of the content ~~(101)~~ at the distributor
~~(103)~~.